

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. *(currently amended)* A method for allowing a calling party to control a call to a called party, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a plurality of call preferences<sub>i</sub> from said calling party using a first communication device<sub>i</sub> to contact a called party having a second communication device;

(b) processing said call through at least one call control entity (CCE) that attempts to reach the called party at a first one of the plurality of call preferences, and

(c) monitoring of call completion ~~said plurality of call preferences~~ by said CCE<sub>i</sub> and, if completion is unsuccessful,

(d) prompting of the calling party by the CCE for another call preference, selected from the received list of call preferences; and

(e) repeating steps (c) and (d) until successful call completion or exhaustion of the plurality of call preferences.

2. *cancelled*

3. *(original)* The method according of Claim 1, wherein said call preferences are selected from a group consisting of URL address, website address, email address, phone number, facsimile number, cellular number and pager number.

4. *(original)* The method of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of call preferences contains at least one alternative destination number/address for completing said call.

5. *cancelled*

6. *(original)* The method of Claim 1, wherein said first communication device is selected from a group consisting of a computer, a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), a cellular telephone, a telephone, a mobile phone, a customer premise equipment, a wired telephone, a PC (Personal Computer), a pager and a facsimile machine.

7. *(original)* The method of Claim 1, wherein said second communication device is selected from a group consisting of a computer, a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), a cellular telephone, a telephone, a mobile phone, a customer premise equipment, a wired telephone a PC (Personal Computer), a pager and a facsimile machine.

8. *(currently amended)* The method of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of call preferences created by said calling party are stored at a location selected from a group consisting of said first communication device, said CCE, a telephone exchange and the Internet.

9. *(original)* The method of Claim 1, wherein said CCE resides at a location selected from a group consisting of PBX, Centrex, PSTN, the Internet and said first communication device.

10. *(original)* The method of Claim 1, wherein said first communication device has at least one means to display the called party number/address.

11. *(original)* The method of Claim 1, wherein said first communication device has at least one means to display and select the call preferences.

12. - 23. *cancelled*